

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:149
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2001
MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Mobile Telephone Service has not been provided in the rural areas despite the availability of modern communications system;
- (b) whether several private operators are putting legal hurdles in the matter of introducing mobile service by the Government; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the manner in which the Government propose to deal with this problem?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI PRAMO MAHAJAN)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA QUESTION NO. 149 FOR 28TH NOVEMBER, 2001 REGARDING MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE.

(a) to (c): It is intention of the Government to provide mobile telephone services in rural areas. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited has already started the process to provide mobile telephone services. Government is also encouraging private operators to provide mobile services in rural areas.